(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c) As public health and hospitals is in the State list under the Constitution, it is for the respective State Governments to take appropriate action concerning their hospitals. However, in special circumstances/requests from the State Governments/Union Territory administrations, the Central Authorities also inspect State/Union Territory hospitals. So far as the Union Government Hospitals are concerned, their functioning is reviewed from time to time by the Directorate General of Health Services/Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Standing Labour Committee

4502. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Labour Conference held in 1986 had recommended the formation of a Standing Labour Committee (SLC);

(b) if so, whether this SLC has been formed; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) In accordance with the resolution of the 28th Session of the Indian Labour Conference held on November 25 & 26, 1985, the Standing Labour Committee was reconstituted and its 30th Session was held on September 22 & 23, 1986.

Distribution of Ayurvedic Drug in Gujarat

4503. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the manufacture and sale of an Ayurvedic drug in Gujarat which claims to change the sex of a foetus:

(b) if so, whether the Government have checked its authenticity/efficacy; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government against the drug manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The Food and Drug Control Administration of Gujarat has informed that at present no Ayurvedic firm is permitted to manufacture drugs which claim to change sex of foetus.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Deaths Due to Rabies in Delhi

4504. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of deaths that took place due to rabies in Delhi during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): Based on the information available with this Ministry, the number of deaths due to rabies in Delhi reported during the last three years are given below:—

Years	*Death due to rabies*
1988	23
1989	29
1990	18
1991 (upto June)	11